



Rocket's Day out

Author: Arundhati Venkatesh

Illustrator: Kavita Singh Kale



"Don't leave me," begged Launchpad Mihir.

Rocket Lila was ready to take off. It was time for the launch.

"I have to go now," said Rocket Lila.

The microphone crackled.

TEN...NINE...EIGHT...



"I'll be all alone," said Launchpad Mihir.

"Rocket Khagol will be with you," said Lila.

SEVEN...SIX...

"No! Don't go."

"I'll be back," said Lila.

"When?"

"As soon as my job is done."

FIVE...



“What if you get lost in space?”

“I’d ask a star to show me the way.

I’d hang on to a comet’s tail. I’d drop to earth on a meteor.”

FOUR...



"What if the sky swallows you?"

"I'd crawl into a cloud and tickle it till it cried. I'd slip out with its tears and land right next to you."

THREE...

"What if you disappear in the sea?"

"I'd sit on a whale and come back to you."

TWO...



Lila gave Mihir a hug and said, "I'll miss you, but I have work to do."

ONE...

BLAST OFF!

Lila went up into the sky, higher and higher and higher.

Lila zipped through the universe, past planets and stars, comets and moons. Lila had adventures galore.

Mihir waited and waited. Mihir had many questions.
“Where is Lila? What is Lila doing? When will Lila come back?”
Rocket Khagol took good care of Mihir.
A news report on Lila’s mission reached the spaceport.
And then one day...





Lila landed with a swish!

Mihir loved the meteor rock and moon dust that Lila got for them. Mihir also enjoyed the space stories. Most of all, Mihir loved the hugs.

**Rockets usually never come back to the launchpad. But our Lila is a re-usable rocket!*

Story Attribution:

This story: Rocket's Day out is written by [Arundhati Venkatesh](#) . © Pratham Books , 2019. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

Other Credits:

'Rocket's Day Out' has been published on StoryWeaver by Pratham Books.

Images Attributions:

Cover page: [Space and the Sea with a rocket](#) by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 2: [Rocket angrily standing](#), by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 3: [Rocket getting scared to fly to the space](#), by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 4: [Rocket in space and sky and sea](#), by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 5: [Rocket in the sky](#), by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 6: [Rocket flying into the sky](#), by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 7: [People talking to each other seeing a newspaper](#), by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 8: [Rockets and launch pad happy and celebrating](#) by [Kavita Singh Kale](#) © Pratham Books, 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

Disclaimer: https://www.storyweaver.org.in/terms_and_conditions



Some rights reserved. This book is CC-BY-4.0 licensed. You can copy, modify, distribute and perform the work, even for commercial purposes, all without asking permission. For full terms of use and attribution, <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>

Rocket's Day out

(English)

Launchpad Mihir does not want Rocket Lila to go off into space. What if the sky swallows Lila, or the sea? But Rocket Lila is not worried at all!

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



Pratham Books goes digital to weave a whole new chapter in the realm of multilingual children's stories. Knitting together children, authors, illustrators and publishers. Folding in teachers, and translators. To create a rich fabric of openly licensed multilingual stories for the children of India and the world. Our unique online platform, StoryWeaver, is a playground where children, parents, teachers and librarians can get creative. Come, start weaving today, and help us get a book in every child's hand!